(b) how many million cubic metres of natural gas (MMCMD) has been earmraked by the Central Government for power generation by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to earmark the entire production of natural gas in the Krishna-Godavari basin for setting up fertilizer and power plants; and

(d) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken, on the request of Andhra Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) About 0.07 MMCMD (million cubic metres per day) of natural gas is presently being produced in the Krishna-Godavari Basin to meet the requirement of industries.

(b) to (d) Requests have been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for supply of natural gas for power plants and fertilizer production. A commitment of 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been made for APSEB's proposed power plant. A commitment in principle has also been made for the Nagarjuan Fertilizers Plant at Kakinada.

Committee to study the problems of LPG Consumers

1498. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed any Committee to study the problems of LPG consumers in the past; if so, what were its terms of reference;

(b) whether the Committee submitted any report; if so, what were its recommendations and which of them have been accepted by Government; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Petroleum Corporations to train delivery boys of LPG cylinders; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Government had set up a Committee in August, 1986 under Smt. Sudha Joshi, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), to look into various aspects of the question of providing better service to LPG users in the country, with due regard to safety, and to give suitable suggestions in this regard;

(b) The report of the Committee has been received by the Government. The report has recommended, *inter alia*, review of the existing Marketing Discipline Guidelines keeping in view the complaints received from the customers in order to make them more effective, opening of Emergency Cells and Complaint Cells in all major LPG marketed towns, institutionalised training for mechanics and delivery boys of the distributors, regular inspection of the LPG equipment installed at customers' premises, etc. Most of the above recommendations of the Committee have since been accepted by the Government.

(c) The Oil Marketing Companies have made it obligatory on the part of the LPG distributors to train deliverymen at regular intervals in the various aspects of handling of LPG.

Ramagundam-Chandrapur high powers transmission line

1499. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the distance between Ramagundam and Chandrapur;

(b) whether there is any proposal to link them by high power transmission line; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the approximate cost of the proposed line and by when it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI (a) to (c) A 400KV D/C line having a route length of 178 kms. between Ramagundam and Chandrapur is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation under the Central Transmission Line Project-I. The estimated cost of the transmission line and associated sub-stations is about Rs. 24.70 crores and the line is targeted for completion by January, 1991.

Petro Chemical Project in Tamil Nadu

1500. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Petro Chemical Industrial Units in industrially backward districts of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) At present no application to set up Petro Chemical Projects in industrially backward districts of Tamil Nadu has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Joint Venture Petrochemical Projects

1501. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 100 per cent export oriented Linde-R.P. Goenka Petrochemical proposals had been cleared by the Central Government;

(b) whether there is a joint collaboration with the West Germany;

(c) if so, what are the main features of the projects; and

(d) at which place the project will be set up and what are the other details of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) A letter of intent was issued on 16.3.89 to M|s. Linde Aktiengesellschaft for the setting up of a naphatha cracker in Madras under the 100 per cent export oriented scheme for the manufacture of 4,50,000 tpa of ethylene and 2,25,000 tpa of propylene etc. This letter of intent is subject to a number of conditions including the following:

"The letter of intent shall be valid for one year within which period you shall submit feasibility report. The viability of the period shall be established including tying up of specific export markets to the satisfaction of the Government within one year of the issue of this letter of intent."

Coal mining project in West Bengal

1502. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently received communications from the Government of West Bengal regarding Coal mining projects in Raniganj Coal field area;

(b) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?